

Please deny Bellsouth's petition to deregulate broadband service. Deregulation would just lead to the Bells monopolizing of broadband. I feel that consumers are best served by having choices like independent broadband service providers. I am very pleased with the quality of service and customer support that I get from my independent ISP. The proposed deregulation would allow the Bells to drive independents out of business. Just as consumers have benefitted tremendously from having choices for long-distance and local service telephone service, we should have similar choices for broadband services. Without regulatory review of the prices at which major carriers sell broadband to independent ISPs, they would be free to increase their pricing and control of the phone lines to drive out their competition. Please don't allow Bellsouth to monopolize the market.